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TO: Montana Public Defender Commission

FROM: Larry Murphy, Contract Manager

RE: Report to Commission

1. Standards Compliance

There are currently 56 contract/conflict attorneys that still need to have the Standards Compliance Interview completed. During the month of February 2013 I will be traveling to Region 1 in Kalispell to finish 11 attorneys there either by Skype interviews or in person. I will also be taking care of several in Missoula on the way back to Helena during that trip.

2. Proficiency Determinations

We continue to work on proficiency determinations. The regional deputies have been asked to complete their portion of this task at their earliest convenience.

3. CLE Affidavit Requirements

Contractors are now required to provide us with a copy of their most recently filed CLE affidavit, and all but four have complied.

4. Client Complaints

I am continuing to monitor a number of contract attorneys due to client or judicial complaints and/or excessive billing practices.

5. Current MOUs

To date we've received a total of 201 contract/conflict attorney MOUs, 15 investigator MOUs and 52 mental health provider MOUs.